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ORDERLY BOOK OF GEN. JOHN PETER GABRIEL MUHLENBERG, MARCH 26–DECEMBER 20, 1777.

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G. O. HEAD QUARTERS June 6th 1777

Major Gen[l] for tomorrow Lord Sterling
Brigadier ——— Conway
Field Officers Col[o] E. Stephens & Maj[r] Taliaferro
Brig[r] Major ——— Smith.

Gen[l] Lincolns division is to furnish the Guards for the Quibble Town & Lincolns pass (or mount pleasant) and to be excused from furnishing men for the other Guards and as it would be inconvenient for the Gen[l] field Officers of the Day for the line to visit these Guards, Gen[l] Lincoln and his Officers are excused from doing duty by rotation with the other divisions of the Army. Gen[l] Lincoln is to establish a grand parade for his division to assemble his Guards at, & appoint Field Officers to visit the Guards by day and night.

He is to send a daily report of all extraordinary Occurences in his division to the Major Gen[l] of the day.

When Quarter Masters or Commissaries are guilty of a neglect or breach of duty if they are attached to the Brigades a report to be made to the Brigadier—who is to order a Court of inquiry & report the proceedings if the charge is supported to the Maj[r] Gen[l] of the day, if they are not so attach'd the complaint to be lodg'd with the Maj[r] Gen[l] of the division who will order a Court of inquiry and receive a report of their Proceedings. The report in both Cases to be submitted to the Com[r] in Chief who will take care that all offenders do not go unpunished. Regm[l] Q[r]

Masters not included in these orders who are subject to the same rules with the other Regm[t] Officers. The morning Gun at day break to be a signal for the Revelle and the Evening Gun at Sun set a signal for the retreat. The Officers of the Q[r] Guards are to March immediately after beating in each Reg[ts] in the order heretofore prescribed. M[r] Hezekiah Stoakes by recommendation of the field Officers of the 8th Virg[a] Reg[t] is appointed Paymaster thereof. A fatigue party of 100 Men with a Proportion of Officers to parade tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock at the Q[r] M. Gen[l] Quarters to take their orders from Maj[r] Gen[l] Green.

Maj[r] Gen[l] Green's division to practice by actual firing this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in this and all like cases, before the men begin to fire their Arms to be critically examined by the Officers to see that they are not loaded with Ball, also attention to be paid to their having their Catridges so disposed as to be in no danger through hurry of their making up of their Catridges charg'd with Ball instead of the others. Accidents will be imputed to the carlessness of the Officers and they made to account for it. Lieut. Myers tried by a Court Martial of the 3rd Instant for behaving in a scandalous & infamous Manner unworthy of the Character of an Officer & Gent[m] in Getting drunk and abusing the Col[o] & the rest of the Officers of the Reg[t] he belongs to & acquitted. The Comm[r] in Chief is sorry he is obliged to descent from the sentence but as he cannot conceive from the face of the evidence what reason could influence the acquittal, he is under the disagreable necessity of desiring a reconsideration of the matter.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS June 7th 1777

Maj[r] Gen[l] for tomorrow Stephens
Brig[r] for the day tomorrow Maxwell
F[d] Officers Col[o] Spencer & Maj[r] Nicholas
Brigade Major Wetherspoon.

As the Army is now on a permanent & hoñble footing & as the Genl has the Credit of it very much at heart, he expects that every Officer on whom the importance of this Contest and a regard to his own honour or duty are sufficiently impress'd will lend their aid to support the character of it. To this end nothing can be more effectual than a close attention to discipline & subordination and particularly in an exact obedience to G. O. which is the Life of an Army.

Officers should consider that a repetition of orders is the highest reflection on those who are the Causes of it. An orderly Book is a record in the hands of thousands of the transactions of the Army and consequently the disgrace of those whose insensibility of the obligations they are under and want of a manly emulation of temper oblige the Comm^{r} in Chief to publish their misconduct by repeating his calls upon them to discharge their duty. The Genl appeals to the understanding of every Officer and earnestly recommends to serious Consideration of these matters. Their engagement with the Publick their own honour & Salvation of their Country demand it. The Genl wishes it on these acc^{ts} and for their own ease and satisfaction, for as nothing is more easy to conduct an Army, where a chearful & ready Obedience is paid to every order, so nothing is more difficult and embarrassing where a careless licentious & disorderly Spirit prevails. This much is said to lead Gent^{n} into a proper train of thinking on the subject & to engage their Judgment & feelings on the side of their duty. But it is at the same time necessary to subjoin that punishment & disgrace will attend those who will not be influenced by more hoñble means.

Cap^{ts} should make it a point that every order respecting their Comp^{y} is complied with, Col^{os} should do the same in their Reg^{ts}, Brig^{rs} in their Brigades, Maj^{r} Gen^{ls} in their Divisions. No officer should implicitly trust to another, but each perform his own Part, & see that those under him do theirs, this being the case every thing would go on smoothly

& well, but while the Contrary is practiced, and every Officer is glad to throw the irksome drudgery of obedience upon his inferior, nothing but disorder and ruin can ensue. No Officer to be absent from Camp without a Furlough from his Brig^{r} nor in that case for more than ten days at a time. The Adj^{t} Genl will furnish each Brig^{r} applying with printed furloughs for the purpose which alone are to be used. Deserters are to be immediately sent to the Maj^{r} Genl of the Day, the person conducting them not to permit them to stop any where, to answer any Questions shall be made them.

The Comm^{r} in Chief approves the following sentences of a Court Martial held the 4th Ins^{t} and Orders their immediate execution, the Prisoners mentioned in the above as well as in former orders who are Yet in the guard house to be taken out by their Respective Reg^{ts} and receive their punishment on the Brigade Parade.

An orderly Serg^{t} from each Brigade to attend at the Gen^{ls} Quarters they are to bring their provision with them.

D. O. The Brig^{e} Major to make a weekly return to the Genl the same time they do to the Adj^{t} Genl. M^{r}. Brown being assign'd Commissary to this Division the different Reg^{ts} will draw their Provision from him accordingly. A corporal and 6 Privates to be furnished from the two Brigades daily for the Commissary's Guard, one day by Genl Muhlenburghs next by Genl Weedons.

After Orders.

Three men from each of the following Brigades Viz Maxwells, Muhlenburghs, Weedons, Woodfords, Scotts & Conways, to parade tomorrow at Guard Mounting at the Q. M. G.^{s} as a guard for the Commiss^{ys} Cattle, the party to be commanded by a Subaltern Officer and relieved daily till further orders, the Officers to be furnished in rotation from the different Brigades begining with Maxwells.

HEAD QUARTERS June 8th 1777.

Majr General for tomorrow . . . Green
Brige . . . . . Muhlenburgh
Field Officers Colo Ogden Lt Colo Seayers
Brige Major . . . . . Piers
Guards and Fatigue as Yesterday.

By intelligence from different Quarters there is much reason to believe the enemy are on the eve of some important Opperation. This makes it absolutely necessary that the whole Army should hold themselves in readiness to move at a moments warning and for that purpose they are to be always furnished with three days Provision ready cook'd. Officers to take care the men cary their own packs and to suffer none but invalids to put their arms or packs into the Waggon, the Q. M. G. to settle with the Brigadiers the proper allowance of Waggons for their respective Brigades and to furnish them or make up any Deficiency immediately. All arms delivered out of the Public Store or purchased by Officers for the use of the Continent, to be branded without loss of time agreable to former orders, for the future none but printed Furloughs to be given to Soldiers, any Soldier absent from his Corps, with only a written furlough, will be taken up, his furlough deem'd a forgery this to be advertised in the Public papers of each State. A return to be made tomorrow of the Captains in each Brigade specifying where they are.

G. O. CAMP AT MIDDLE BROOKE June 9th 1777

Parole *Newcastle* Countersign
Majr Genl for tomorrow . . . Sterling
Brigadier . . . . . Weedon
Field Officers Colo Lewis & Lt Colo Dehart
Brigade Major . . . . . Day

The Commr in Chief approves the following Sentences At a Genl Court Martial held the 6th Inst and orders

them to be put in Execution Immediately, taken out of the Guard House & punished on the Brig^{e} Parade to which they belong Viz^{t} Willm Nicholson of the 15th Virg^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with desertion to receive 25 Lashes. Abraham Still of the 15th Virg^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with desertion to receive 25 Lashes. John King of the 1st Jersey Reg^{t} charged with desertion to receive 50 Lashes, Thos Banks of the 15th Virg^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with desertion to receive 20 Lashes. Anthony Payne of the 15th Virg^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with desertion to receive 20 Lashes. John Lowry of the 9th Virg^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with Damning the General and his orders to receive 50 Lashes. James Daughty of the 3rd New Jersey Reg^{t} charg'd with desertion to receive 100 Lashes. Danl Hayley of the 3rd New Jersey Reg^{t} charg'd with deserting from his Reg^{t} and Inlisting into the 10th Pensilv^{a} Reg^{t} to receive 25 Lashes.

Saml Allison of the 3rd Virg^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with deserting from his Reg^{t} & Enlisting into the 10th Pensilv^{a} Regt^{t} to receive 20 Lashes. John Bybricker of the German Battalion charg'd with desertion & inlisting in another Reg^{t} the sentence postponed for further evidence.

The duty of the Maj^{r} Genl to begin at the mounting ot the Guards and to end at the same time next day. The Comm^{g} Officer of each Corps, to keep an Ammunition Acc^{t} with their Men & make them pay for all that is wantingly wasted. Cap^{ts} of Companies to keep a List of their Mens Clothes and have them carefully exam^{d} every Saturday. A Soldier shall not presume to sell any part of his Clothes upon any pretence whatever. The Prisoners under sentence of death to prepare for Execution tomorrow at 12 o'clock. The whole army except Genl Lincolns Division is to be assembled for this purpose near the Artillery Park. The Criminals is to be attended with such Chaplains as they chuse.

As there is plenty of French and common Sallid, Lambs Quarter & Water Creeses growing about Camp, and as these Vegetables are very conducive to health, and to pre-

vent the scurvy and all putrid disorders, the Gen[l] recommends to the Soldiers, the constant use of them, as they make an agreeable Sallid & have the most Selectary Effect.

The Regm[t] Officer of the day to send to gather them every morning & have them distributed among the Men. A Detachm[t] of 3 Cap[ts], 6 Sub. 6 Serg[ts] & 150 men to parade this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Artillery park with three days Provision, to be commanded by Maj[r] Wiltner who will receive his orders from Brigadier Gen[l] Maxwell.

CAMP AT MIDDLE BROOKE, June 9th

After Orders.

One field Officer 4 Cap[ts] & Subalterns & 200 Privates from Gen[l] Stevens division to parade immediately with their arms &c[a] and march to Steels Gap to Execute a Piece of work, the Comm[g] Officer will send to the Q. M. G. for 200 Axes. One Cap[t] 2 Sub. & 50 Privates from each Gen[l] Mughlenburghs & Weedons Brigade to parade for the same purpose and march with axes to the same place.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS MIDDLE BROOK June 10th 1777

Parole Oakhampton *Countersign*

Maj[r] Gen[l] for tomorrow . . . . Stephen
Brigadier . . . . . Woodson
Field Officers Col[o] Payton, & Maj[r] Richardson
Brigade Maj[r] . . . . . Johnson

Such Reg[ts] as have not already drawn Tomhawks, are Immediately to provide themselves with at least one or two to a Mess. The Q. M. G. is to charge those to the Reg[t] and each mess to be charg'd with what is delivered to it that they may return them when call'd for, or pay for them at least. The Q[r] M. G. is to furnish each Brig[e] with an assortment of entrenching tools which are always to accompany the Brig[e] under the care of the Brig[e] Q. M. and

to be delivered to the order of the Brigade as occasion may require. The tools already delivered to the Reg^{ts} are to be accounted for, the Comm^{s} Officer of every Corps is to keep an exact acco^{t} of all the arms rec'd and delivered for the use of it as there will be a careful enquiry into the matter and a satisfactory acco^{t} expected from them. The movements of this Army either for offensive or defensive measures will be sudden whenever they happen consequently no time can be allowed to draw or Cook provision it may not be amiss therefore to remind the Officers of the necessity of having the men provided agreable to the order of 8th Ins^{t}. and the Commissary is desired if possible to furnish Biscuits and salt provision for this purpose which the men may keep by them, and continue to draw their usual allowance, it has been so pressingly recommended to the Officers to have no unnecessary baggage with them, Though it is hoped the Army is entirely unencumbered with it, but if the case should be otherways the Genl desires that the Brigadiers will have it immediately moved, the Adj^{t} Genl will direct to what place after this notice. Officers are not to be supprised if heavy Boxes, great Bedsteads &c are left in the field, a very small Escort from the whole line will be necessary to guard the Baggage sent of persuant to this order to be composed of the most indifferent, but under the care of a careful Officer. The Genl is informed that Complain^{s} are made by the inhabitants nearest to the Enemies lines of Soldiers taking away their horses and other property, and that in many instances they are countenanced by the Officers under the idea of the Inhabitants being Tories. The Genl expressly orders a stop to be put to these proceedings, or those who are convicted of them will be brought to Exemplary punishment.

Such Inhabitants as are proper objects of Punishment will be dealt with in a Legal way, But no Officer or Soldier is to judge for himself and appropriate their property to their own use, or to seize it without proper orders. The Comm^{r} in Chief approves the following sentences of a

Court Martial held the 7th Inst of which Colo Thos Marshall of the 3rd Virga Regt was Presidt, Lieut Keely of the 8th Virga Regt charg'd with disobedience of orders, and absenting himself 3 months beyond the time allowed him to join his Regt found not Guilty of being absent from his Regt 3 months beyond the time allowed him but Guilty of disobedience of orders, sentenced to be discharg'd the service, Lieut. Tully Robertson of the 4 Virga Regt charged with absenting himself from his Regt without leave to be discharged from the service and to forfeit his pay from the last till he join'd his Regt again, Lieut Ford of the 4th Virga Regt charg'd with disobedience of orders, in the instance of firing a Gun without permission in Camp, sentenced to Receive a Repremand from the Commr of the Regt in the presence of the Officers of the same. John Smith of the 7th Pensilva Regt formerly the 6th charg'd with inlisting into the 9th Pensilva Regt without a discharge from the 7th sentenced to receive 20 Lashes on his bare back and the bounty of 20 Dollars which he received of the 9th Pensilva to be stopp'd out of his pay. Peter Burney of the 3rd Jersey charg'd with Desertion, sentenced to be discharg'd, Willm Shaddock of the 9th Pensilva tryed by the same Court Martial 2nd June for Desertion omitted in former order sentenced to receive 20 Lashes on his Bare Back the picquet Guard to assemble in the rear of the Artillery Park at Guard Mounting, this place to be Considered as the Grand Parade till further orders. The Commr in Chief orders that the Baggage and Camp Equipage of the whole Army except the Tents which are not to be struck until further orders be loaded this Evening and every thing in Readiness to move at a moments warning, the troops to be supplied with Provision agreable to the order of the 8th Inst. The Qr M. G. Commissary Genl & Commissary of Stores to see that every thing in their Respective departments be in moving order, all Horses to be fixed to their Waggons.

HEAD QUARTERS June 11th 1777.

Parole Petersborough *C. S.* Plimouth Pumption

Maj^r Genl for the day tomorrow . . Grant
Brig^r . . . . . Scott
Field Officers Col^o Martin & Lt Col^o Nelson
Brig^e Major . . . . . Farling

The Commissary Genl to deliver no Rum for Guard or fatigue Service but in the following manner a Gill per man for all out Guards and Picquets the order for it to come from the Brig^r of the Day, the same allowance for all fatigue Parties either from the Line, division & Brigade, the order of it to come in the first Instance from the Maj^r Genl of the Day, in the second from the Maj^r Genl of the Division in the third from the Brigadier of the Brigade. All Detachments and Scouting Parties to have a Gill per man for every Night they are out, the Maj^r Genl of the Day to give the order for it. A Gill a day to all fatigue Parties in the Commissary or Q^r M G^s Department, no other Guard or fatigue to have any allowance of Rum, the Rum for Guards not to be issued till the duty is over, all Stroling or suspected Persons taken up to be brought before the Maj^r Genl of the Day. All Guards or detachments going towards the Enemy or coming from them to march in the same order as if they expected an Attack for the purpose the Officers to be at their proper posts and the men to march with Regularly advanced & Rear Guards to be sent out in proportion to the strength of the party and at a greater or less Distance according to the Nature of the Ground as in advancing towards an Enemy or coming from them there is always danger of surprise & attack. Precaution should be always taken to be prepared for them, and were not the case good habits Will be introduced by acting in this manner when there is little or no occasion which will be of service when there is, and both Officers and Men will be taught their Duty. All Stroling Sutlers immediately to quit the Camp or their Liquors &c^r will be taken from them and

distributed among the Soldiers, without any compensation. Each Brig^{r} to notify them about his encampment with this order.

Genl Lincoln has Liberty to clear the loaded pieces of his Division by Discharging them this evening at Retreat. All Regem^{l} Paymasters are to attend the Paymaster Genl on Friday at 10 o'clock at his Quarters Col^{o} De la Levere is appointed to the Comm^{d} of the Corps under the Comm^{d} of Maj^{r} Ollendorf. The Comm^{g} Officer of each Corps is to report every deserter from it immediately to his Brig^{r} who is to pursue the Most Vigorous measures for Apprehending them and is to give an Acco^{t} of the matter to the Maj^{r} Genl of the day who is to draw the whole in his report of occurences to the Comm^{r} in Chief, strict attention will be paid to this order. The order some time ago issued at Morris Town forbidding waggoners to Gallop and strain their Horses is little attended to. The Q. M. G. will therefore inform those people of the consequence of disobedience.

The Brigade Maj^{rs} Are to meet the Adj^{t} Genl at 6 o'clock this afternoon at his Tent, the Guard for the Commissary's Cattle is to be furnished in rotation by the different Brigades and to be relieved every 3 days, Genl Muhlenburghs Brig^{e} will furnish it to-day the men to carry 3 days Provision wth them.

B. O. June 11th 1777.

The Q^{r} Masters of the different Reg^{ts} belonging to the Brigade are to make returns immediately to Genl Muhlenburgh of the Entrenching tools each Reg^{t} have been furnished with by the Q. M. G.

The Commanding Officers of the different Reg^{ts} are to see that their men are provided with the Number of Tomhawks mentioned in Genl orders of Yesterday if there is a difficiency they must immediately draw on the Q. M. G. for the number wanting.

The Officers Commanding Companys' are to send out two or three men every morning to gather greens within

the Limits of the Camp which are to be equally Distributed among the Company the Commanders of the Reg^{ts} are to see this order is strictly complied with.

If there be any Strolling Sutlers with the Brigade the Adjutants are to give them notice to depart immediately on pain of having their Liquors taken from them.

The following Gent^{n} Viz^{t} Elisha White, Sam Hogg, Marks Vanduval, Ballard Smith, & Saml Seldon, are appointed to act as second Lieu^{ts} also David Allen & Willm Cocke Ensigns in the 1st Virg^{a} Reg^{t} till the pleasure of his Excellency is known.

Sign'd

PETER MUHLENBURGH B. G.

HEAD QUARTERS Middle Brooke June 12th 1777

Parole	*Countersign*
Maj^{r} Genl of the Day tomorrow . .	Sterling
Brigadier	Conway
Field Officers Col^{o} Bowman Lt. Col^{o} Parker	
Brig^{e} Major	Wetherspoon

The Genl thinks it necessary to establish the following regulations for Guards and hopes that Officers will consider them as the Rule of Practice and make themselves well acquainted with them, when any Guard arrives at the Post assign'd it the Officers first care must be to plant his Sentries properly according to Circumstances, the Guard should remain under arms while this is doing, and if it be at an out post or any where near the Enemies Camps Temperary Sentries should be placed at a small distance to prevent surprize, while the Commis^{s} Officer Reconnoiters the situation of the Post to know where his Sentries should be plac'd for a continuance this is to be done in case the Ground has not before been Examined and Particular directions given about the matter, or in case he does not relieve some other Guard, but if he relieves another he is to receive all the orders given to the Officer of the guard in writing, which together

with those he may have rec'd from the Brig^{r} & Field Officers of the day, he is punctually to observe if any difference between them arise he is to obey the latter in preference, he is immediately to send a party under a trusty Officer conducted by an Officer of the old Guard to relieve the Sentries thereof who are to return to the Guard they belong to, if the guard be of such a Nature as that other matters than the security of the Post are intrusted to it, they must be Continued in a written Report, and the Officer of the new accompanied by an Officer of the old must be sent to them in charge, comparing the things themselves with the report, and seeing that all is right the sentries of the old Guard having join'd it, the Officer to march it back to the Parade, from whence it came with the greatest order and Decorum and thence send of the Detachments composing it under an Officer to each to join their Corps preserving Regularity on the way, after placing his Sentries the Officer of the new Guard is to make the men lodge their arms first giving them the orders necessary to govern their conduct, care must be taken to lodge their arms in such a manner, that each man may have a recourse to his own in a moment without Bustle or Confusion in most cases it is best the arms were grounded on the grand Parade during the day no man is to put of his accountriments on any pretence, this done the Comm^{g} Officer attended by a couple of men is to visit all his Sentries to see that they are posted right and instruct them in the line of their duty, his next care is to take such precaution for the security of his Post, by forming Abbitus, digging Diches, raising parapits as Circumstances require to guard again surprise, or repel any sudden attempt he should make himself acquainted not only with all the Great Roads leading to the enemy or to the Army he belongs to, but he should search out every bye path and Avenue by which he may the more securly send his parties to Reconnoiture the Enemy or make his retreat good in any Emergency.

He should have scouting Parties all day and Patroles all

Night going toward the enemy in his rear and upon his flanks to gain Intelligence of their Motions and timely notice of any attempt they may be making if this notice can be given without firing it will be best if not it must be done by firing the Scouts & Patroles retreating by way of the Sentries to alarm them. Visiting rounds should be going all night to see that the Sentries are at their Post alert & acquainted with every particular of their Duty. The break of day being the most favorable time for an attack or surprises, a Good Officer will be careful to turn out his Guards under Arms till an hour after sun rise and to have his visiting rounds and Patroles going then more than ordinary from watching through the Camp, men towards morning grow drowsy, numb and Listless and are the more liable to a surprise, an Officers reputation calls on him to Guard against this evil, a guard is bound to maintain their Post as long as possible, but if likely to be overpower'd with numbers it is at least to make Skirmishing retreat firing all the way it goes to give the alarm and taking advantage of every defile, Morass wood or advantageous post it can find to delay the enemy, if the enemy do not pursue but retreat after having dislodg'd the Guard it is to resume its post, first taking measures to be sure all is safe, if two Guards are so placed as to have the same object in view and depend upon each other they must be attentive to everything that befalls one another, and act in concert if either is attack'd the other must not only put itself in a posture of defence but must keep Patroles continually going to bring intelligence of what is doing if the one attack'd retreats the other must retreat also, if it returns the other must return also, these things depend on circumstances and the order of the Brigad^r and Field Officers of the day, any Parties of whatsoever kind, coming towards an out Guard, are to be stopp'd by the out Sentry's and notice given to the Guards which is in most cases to be turn'd out and the Officer in most cases to send a proper person to examine such party and give his orders accordingly.

All flaggs to be stopp'd at the out Sentries, the Officer of the Guard to meet them there and know their business, if they are charg'd with Letters or any other matters that can be communicated to him he is to receive and transmit them to the Maj^{r} Genl of the day, otherways the flag must wait till information can be sent to the said Maj^{r} Genl of the day and his orders received. No Officer or Soldier to sleep a single moment on Guard, no cooking to go on while on Guard, the men must either carry their Provisions ready dress'd, or have them sent to them, the former preferable, no man presume to be out of call without permission from the Officer who is not to suffer more than two to be absent at a time, nor them at the out posts, in Case of desertion from the out posts the Officer from whose party it happens, immediately to change the Countersign advertising the other out Guards of it who are to conform thereto, he is also to send in instantly and acquaint the Brig^{r} of the day of it, all Guards to turn out to the Brig^{r} & Field Officers of the day, and except the out Guards to all Genl Officers, paying them the Honour due to them according to their rank and the usuage of war, the out Guards to turn out to the Brig^{r} and Field Officers only. The honour of the drum never to be paid by them, all Guards to turn out to receive the Grand rounds, the Officer of each to prepare an evening report for the Officers of the rounds, all Guards at a time when releived to make a report of every occurence that may have happened to one of his Field Officers of the day, who is to attend at or near the Guard Parade to receive it when the Guard returns, arms after this whet weather to be carefully inspected and put in the best order possible for use.

After Orders.

The Brigade Commissarys are to receive their orders from the Commissary Genl this afternoon respecting the mode of supplying their respective Brigade in case of a sudden move, the Assis^{t} Q^{r} Masters are to do the same with Col^{o} Biddle that no Complaint or Confusion may arise on a

march. Instead of delivering spare Ammunition to each Brigade, Gen[l] Knox will furnish the divisions with it in order to lessen the number of Carriages and Conveying it more securely, if the Q[r] Master Gen[l] could furnish each Brigade with a proper number of Scythes for foraging the Horses, might be better Provided for.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Middle Brook
13th June 1777.

Parole	*Countersign*
Maj[r] Gen[l] for tomorrow	Stephen
Brigadier	Maxwell
Field Officers Col[o] Barron Shends & Maj[r] Morrell	
Brig[e] Major	Swaine.

At a Gen[l] Court Martial held the 9th Ins[t] whereof Col[o] Marshal was president, Cap[t] Jesse Rowe was tried for insulting and ill treating M[r] Caleugh Conducter of Waggons upon the March from Morris Town acquitted and Justified by the Court, the Gen[l] approves the sentence of the same and orders Cap[t] Rowe to be releived from arrest with Honour, he also approves the sentence of the same Court Martial held the 12th Ins[t] before which Alex[r] Brandon of the 1st Pensilv[a] was tryed for horse stealing and Acquitted, the Prisoner to be immediately released from Confinement different modes of Promotion having prevailed in the Army productive of confusion and discontent the Comm[r] in Chief thinks it necessary to establish the following Gen[l] rule to prevent all further disputes and inconveniences on this head, all Comm[d] Officers to rise Regimentally and according to seniority till they arrive to the rank of Cap[t] and from that in the line of the state they belong to by Seniority also till they attain the Rank of Col[o] this rule however to admit of exceptions where particular Officers Signalize themselves by a Conduct of Extraordinary Spirit, or where others prove themselves unworthy of Preferment, by the want or neglect of Cultivating any Quallification Requisite to Con-

stitute the Good Officer. Ten men for the Purpose from each Brigade to Parade this Evening at 6 o'clock to Parade at Col° Biddles Quarters to form a Company of Pioneers he is to provide them with a sufficient number of Officers and with every thing necessary to Qualify them for doing their duty immediately in case of a march of the Army, they are to encamp near his Quarters the following men belonging to Capt Hallerts independent Comp^y hav^g been sent to Camp some time ago, and anexed to same Corps. The Officer Comm^g the Corp in which these or any of them are now doing duty is required to send a return of them to the Adj^t Genl tomorrow morning.

Thos Buckers, Saml Brown, Joseph Pittle, Isaac Green, Ch^r Ourr, Saban Cander, Wm. Caldwell, Joseph Codington & Wm. Thomas.

His Excellency the Comm^r in Chief directs that all Waggons with Officers baggage Commissary or Q^r M. G. stores, be immediately ordered to the Waggon Park between head Quarters & the D^y Q. M. G. where they will be form'd in their order by taking up their line of March and receive their Instructions from Col° Mifflin. The Tent Poles and Camp Kettles to be loaded Seperately from the Baggage for which each Reg^t is to receive waggons in Proportion to their Strength allowing a four horse Waggon to not less than one hundred and Twenty or more than one Hundred and Fifty men.

The Waggons with intrenching tools and axes alloted to each Division to remain with them.

CAMP AT MIDDLEBROOK 14th June 1777

SIR:

I am Commanded by his Excellency the General to transmit the above order to you that it may be immediately Issued to Your Brigade

Your &c

CLEM^T BRIDDLE

D^y Q. M. G.

Order of March.

The whole Army to be under Arms at — o'clock. The tents to be immediately struck and the Waggons loaded, the Reg^{ts} to be told off in Sub & Grand Divisions and to march at half distance and Officers placed at their proper places. The Brig^{rs} at the head of their Brigades, the Maj^{r} Genl at the head of their Divisions, the whole of the Army to be in readiness to March Exactly at the time appointed in this Position to wait the orders of the Maj^{r} Genl of the day that the whole may march together. The Vanguards to Consist of fifteen Light Dragoons and one Brigade of foot under the Comm^{d} of Brig^{r} Genl Muhlenburgh to advance abo^{t} 2½ Miles in the front of the Army to march abo^{t} an hour before the troops are ordered to be in readiness. Reconnoitering parties to be sent some distance in front and upon the flanks to Examine all the Roads and suspected places where ambushes may be concealed. The Pioneers to march between the Light parties, in the front of the Vanguard & to make such repairs in the Bridges and Roads as are necessary to afford a safe and easy passage to the Army, the Vanguard to take their Artillery with them and advance from the right by Subdivisions Genl Weedons Brig^{e} First, Then Woodfords, Scotts, Haines, Dehursts, Conways & Maxwells. The Artillery annexed to the Brigades to march in the order that is now posted in the Line, Maxwells Brigade to form the Rear Guard a Quarter of the strength of which to march in the rear of the remainder abo^{t} half a mile to pick up all Strolers. A Detachment of about 30 Dragoons to form a part of the rear guard. Col^{o} Morgans Light Infantry to cover the left flank of the Army Exclusive of which each Brigade to furnish a party of 50 men properly officer'd to keep on the enemies flanks & to be under the Comm^{d} of the Officer of the Day, the park of Artillery to march in the center of the reserve or second Line. No Soldier during the march to leave his ranks to fetch water, But if necessity should oblige any to quit the Ranks they are obliged to leave their Arms with

the Battalion, A non Comm^{d} Officer to go with them to see they return to their Proper place. Great attention must be paid in passing Difficult Defiles, that the men pass them briskly if necessary by files, and then form by Subdivisions as soon as the road will admit, the head of the Column to move slow after passing the defile until the rear has pass'd it also, if it should be necessary to halt the troops to refresh the men, the Maj^{r} Genl leading the Column to fix upon a proper piece of ground, when the Battalions are drew up in the row of one another in the order they march, the arms and packs to be grounded and the rolls call'd, the signal for marching to be a ruff beat by the drummer of the 1st Battalion at the head of the Column from front to rear the packs to be taken up, and the arms shoulderd and the Rolls call'd the Battalion to march off in the order before mentioned the Officers always to march with the divisions allowing the men to shift their arms from Shoulder to Shoulder to ease them, but keep the muzzels up to prevent accidents, the Major Genl of the day will fix upon the ground to encamp in, the Q. M. G. with Regimental Q. Masters to mark out the Ground for each Brigade & Battalion, the Army to encamp in two lines. Genl Greens division on the Right, Lt. Sterlings on the left of the front Line. Genl Stephens on the Right & Genl Lincolns on the left of the 2nd Line, the Scouts to Reconnoitre 3 miles round the Camp. The Brig^{r} of the day to fix the places and post the out Guards, which are to be given by Brigades, instead of the Line, the park of Artillery to form in the center between the 1st & 2nd Line each Reg^{t} to be furnish'd with waggons according to their strength to carry their Tents, poles & camp Kettles, 1 Waggon and 4 Horses to be allowed for this purpose to not less than 120 or more than 150 men, all the other Regimental Waggons to go with the Column of Equipage the Regim^{l} women to go with these waggons, the Waggons loaded with Tents to march in the rear of each Brigade to which they belong. Upon the approach of the Enemy on the march the Bag-

gage Waggons into the rear abo^{t} 300 or 400 Yards their wait for further orders, all the waggons of the Army except these employed in carrying the tents to Parade near the Q. M. G^{s} Quarters to be form'd into a Park in the follow manner, the Comm^{rs} in Chief form the front of the Column, the Adj^{t} Genl pay master Genl & Must^{r} M. G^{l} next in order, the Baggage of the divisions in the order the Line marches, the Maj^{r} Genl in the front, the Brig^{r} in front of the baggage of each of their Brigade the Regimen^{l} Waggons to have a Comm^{d} of a Serj^{t} & 6 Privates these to be the least fit for duty in the Reg^{t} Each Brigade to appoint a Subaltern to comm^{d} all the Reg^{l} Guards, each Division to appoint a Capt to escort the baggage of their division including the Maj^{rs} and Brig^{r} Genl Baggage the Maj^{rs} Genl of the day to appoint a Commis^{r} Officer to Comm^{d} the whole Guard for the Escort to the whole Column of Baggage. The Q. M. G. the Commiss^{y} Genl of Military Stores & Commiss^{y} Genl each to be furnished with a Subaltern Serj^{t} & 20 Privates as a Guard from the line. The Hospital Department to be furnished with a Serj^{t} and 15 Privates as a Guard from the Line, the Waggons of the Q. Mas^{rs} Department to march next the Baggage, the Military Stores next, then the Provisions and the flying Hospital in the rear, if it marches in the same Column with the baggage this Column to be under the direction of Col^{o} Mifflin to halt at such places as the Q. M. G. directs, No waggoner on any pretence to go out of the line or Rank to which he belongs or assign'd him nor stop his Waggon to water his Horses unless the Comm^{g} Officer of the Column gives orders for an halt, if any Waggon happens to break down on the march it must be moved out of the Line immediately. The Q. M. G. should have spare waggons to take the load of such broken waggons. Wherever the Waggons and Baggage of Stores halt they are to be drawn up in several lines in the rear of each other, in the order they march. No Waggoner to leave his Waggons or untackle his Horses to be in readiness to receive the order of the Comm^{g} Officer of the

Column, the Waggon Master must attend to the orders of the several divisions & pay due attention to the orders given by their Superiors, when the baggage Waggons of the army arrive at the Ground which the Q^{r} M. G. has previously directed they are to be drawn up in the following Order. 1st His Excell^{y} the Comm^{r} in Chief on the right of the whole, Then Genl Greens Division, Lt Sterlings, Genl Lincolns, Genl Stephens. The Q^{r} Master Genl, the Commissary of Military Stores. The Commissary Genl & Hospital, taking care to leave proper intervals between each division where the Ground will admit of it, so that they may move off to the right or left without confusion. Should the Enemy March to the right instead of the left, this order of march to be Reversed.

(To be continued.)